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	Examiner Dung (Michael) T. Nguyen	Art Unit 2828	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ouchi (US6597713) in view of Sun et al. (US2002/0003231).

With respect to claims 1-3, 8, 24, and 25, Ouchi shows in Fig. 19 a vertical cavity surface emitting laser 21 for producing a light beam along a light path; a semiconductive substrate 141 having an etched cavity 142 in said light path and including a thin membrane 130 (wiring substrate) between said etched cavity and said vertical cavity surface emitting laser; and an optical fiber 143 in said etched

cavity and aligned in said light path; wherein said vertical cavity surface emitting laser 21 is attached to said semiconductive substrate 141. Ouchi lacks a light sensor blocks only part of the light beam produced by said vertical cavity surface emitting laser 21 during use such that light of the light beam not blocked by said light sensor is allowed to pass into said etched cavity. Sun teach in Fig.3 a light sensor 42 absorbs (As interpreted by the examiner, “absorb” is equivalent to “block”) (para.0035-11) only part of the light beam produced by the vertical cavity surface emitting laser 46 during use such that light of the light beam not blocked by the light sensor 42 is allowed to pass. For the benefit of providing feedback for controlling the VCSEL performance stability (para.0035, 1.7-8), it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Ouchi a light sensor blocks only part of the light beam produced by the vertical cavity surface emitting laser during use such that light of the light beam not blocked by the light sensor is allowed to pass as taught by Sun.

With respect to claim 4, Ouchi discloses a metal-semiconductor-metal sensor (col.5, 1.68-69).

With respect to claim 5, Ouchi shows in Fig.19 the semiconductor substrate 141 includes an aperture 111 (it is understood that the microlens 111 has to have an aperture).

With respect to claims 6-7, Ouchi shows in Fig.21 a metal contact 112 (electrode).

With respect to claims 9-11, Ouchi shows in Fig.21 an optical element 161.

With respect to claim 12, Ouchi discloses the adhesive includes epoxy (col.16, l.16-17).

With respect to claims 13 and 20, Ouchi shows in Fig.30 a light beam controller 287.

With respect to claims 21-22, Ouchi the Si substrate (col.16, l.11).

Claims 14-19 and 23 recite a method of fabricating a semiconductor assembly. Since Ouchi and Sun disclose the product, it is inherent a product by process for performing the method as recited in the claims.

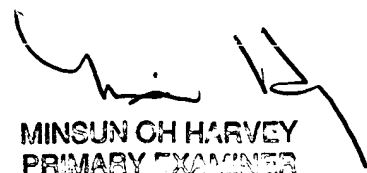
Communication Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung (Michael) T Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1949. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Min Harvey can be reached on (571) 272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-3329.

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